

Occupational Lead Poisoning Prevention Fee

This publication is designed to provide basic information about California's occupational lead poisoning prevention fee. If you have questions that are not answered in this publication, please contact us (see reverse).

How is the occupational lead poisoning prevention fee used?

The fee supports the Occupational Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, which is administered by the Department of Health Services (DHS). Under the program, the DHS

- Identifies where lead toxicity occurs in the workplace.
- Creates an occupational lead poisoning registry.
- Helps employers improve lead safety.
- Provides training, educational materials, and technical assistance to employers, employees, and health professionals.
- Recommends measures for the prevention of occupational lead poisoning.

Who must pay the fee?

As an employer, you are liable for the fee if your business

- Is in an industry category that has been identified as having a potential for occupational lead poisoning (see "What are SIC codes?" reverse),
- Had lead or lead-containing materials present in the business operation during the previous calendar year, *and*
- Had 10 or more people who each were employed 160 hours or more during the previous calendar year—whether or not an individual employee's specific job involved exposure to lead or lead-contaminating materials.

When is the fee due?

The annual fee is due on or before the last day of February. It covers the previous calendar year. Late payments are subject to a penalty of 10 percent, plus interest at an adjusted annual rate.

You must file a return even if you do not owe a fee amount or plan to apply for a fee waiver, as described on the reverse.

How much is the fee?

The fee amount is based on

- The number of people employed for 160 hours or more in California *and*

- Whether the employer comes under fee category A or B. The categories are based on the number of cases where workers were found to have elevated levels of lead in their blood, as reported to the California Blood Registry in the prior three years.

Category A applies to businesses in an industry category (SIC code) for which there have been fewer than 20 reported cases.

Category B applies to businesses in an industry category (SIC code) for which there have been 20 or more reported cases.

Category A Fee Rates

Employees	Fee by Calendar Year		
	2005	2006	2007
0-9	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
10-99	251	258	270
100-499	503	517	542
500 or more	1,256	1,291	1,353

Category B Fee Rates

Employees	Fee by Calendar Year		
	2005	2006	2007
0-9	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
10-99	360	370	388
100-499	1,006	1,034	1,083
500 or more	2,877	2,958	3,099

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Am I eligible for a fee waiver?

You may apply for a fee waiver if very minimal or no lead or lead-containing materials were present in your business operations during the previous calendar year.

If you believe you qualify for a fee waiver, check the box on your return that indicates you would like to have a fee waiver packet sent to you. Your request for a fee waiver will be reviewed by the DHS.

For specific information about fee waivers, please contact the California Department of Health Services, Occupational Lead Poisoning Prevention Program. Their contact information is in the far right column of this page.

What are SIC codes?

As mentioned on the reverse, the occupational lead poisoning prevention fee applies to businesses in certain industry categories. Those categories are based on Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes established by the U.S. Department of Commerce. The codes are used to designate the activities of business operations. The DHS lets us know which businesses are in categories that have documented evidence of potential occupational lead poisoning.

We send occupational lead poisoning prevention fee returns to businesses based on the information we receive from the DHS. These businesses must complete and file a return each year.

For More Information

Board website and Member contact information: www.boe.ca.gov

Information Center: 800-400-7115

TDD/TTY: 800-735-2929

Representatives are available to help you from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Pacific time; M-F, except state holidays.

Environmental Fees Division

Call us at 916-323-9555.

Or write to us at:

Environmental Fees Division MIC:57
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PO Box 942879
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Taxpayers' Rights Advocate. Call toll-free for help with problems you have been unable to resolve through normal channels: 888-324-2798.

CA Dept. of Health Services

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